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SUPPLEMENT

1. A special section of the Far East Informbureau will soon be established within the Tass News Agency in Shanghai. This section will act independently of the management of the local Tass office but will be officially part of Tass. This section will be under a special appointee of Lozovsky. The new Lozovsky-appointed personnel are expected to arrive on the next repatriation ship coming to Shanghai. After their arrival the new section will start functioning.
2. The Informbureau in its present form is one of the most powerful Soviet information organizations, to which even Tass is subordinated. After the arrival of the new Informbureau personnel in Shanghai, radical changes in the local structure of Tass are expected and special attention will be paid to the Chinese and American section of Tass.
3. Lozovsky has already expressed his dissatisfaction with the Shanghai Tass office because more attention has been paid to general news than to "special information."
4. The expected changes in the local Tass office will probably affect M. Yakshamin but not Rogov (Director of Tass in China) since Rogov is a "Lozovsky man." The local (? locally hired ?) Tass personnel will remain, but special effort will be made to place in the Tass organization more Chinese and foreign employees because the Russian (? emigrant ?) staff produces little along the line of "broad information work" and are good only for the usual technical work of the office.

disagreement between Rogov and Yakshamin, for previous reports on the 25X1A2g

Note: V. V. Klarin was reported in to have been appointed one of the members of the Informbureau in Irkutsk for the supervision of the Shanghai Soviet press. See following paragraph for his observations.)

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5. Klarin insists that after the return to China of Ambassador Petrov, the USSR will begin a new policy vis-a-vis China in the nature of violent pressure and even threats. Klarin states that he is glad to leave Shanghai and China at the present time regardless of what may finally happen to him in the USSR. Klarin expects chaotic conditions in Shanghai and feels that foreigners, especially Russians, both Soviet and emigre, will be subject to repression and privation. Klarin bases this belief on what he claims as "intimate information from top Soviet officials in Shanghai" who have reportedly told him that they are prepared to send their families to the USSR soon.

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6. The extension of Lozovsky's activity to Shanghai by the establishment of an Informbureau section in the local Tass office represents evidence that Moscow is expecting a showdown in the Far East soon and that the USSR is interested in covering the impressions, feelings and intentions of various groups in China and particularly Shanghai when this new action by Moscow is started.

Note: The "new action" referred to above is presumably such activity as Klarin mentions in paragraph 5 as part of the new USSR policy toward China.
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7. None of the prominent Soviet citizens in Shanghai doubt that in the present state of international events Moscow is paying the utmost attention to China. The importance of the Far East in the present foreign policy of the USSR is evidenced by the fact that Lozovsky is personally directing the work of the Far East Informbureau. He is recognized as one of the best Soviet experts on the Far East, having spent practically all of his political life engaged in special Comintern (VEP(b)) /Vsosouznoi Kommunisticheski Partii (Bolshevikii)--All-Union Communist Party (Bolshevik)/ activity in the Far East and has many times visited China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Indochina.

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